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GOV. ALIYU TASKS VC ON TRANSPARENCY

Niger State governor, Dr. Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu has urged the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, **FNSBMB**, to be transparent, generous and open while discharging his duties in the institution.

The Chief servant stated this when the Vice-Chancellor led other Management team of the institution on a courtesy call to the governor at the Government House.



L-R: Niger state governor, Dr. Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu presenting a souvenir to FUT, Minna VC, Prof. M. A. Akanji at the Government House.

Dr. Aliyu said he was happy that the succession tussle over the institution's Vice-Chancellorship position has ended peacefully and called on the new VC to put Niger state first in all his activities in the

school while also assuring Management of the state government support.

Earlier in his address, Prof. Akanji commended the governor for the transformational development of the state and decision to pay the school fees of five-hundred and sixty nine Pre-degree students of Niger state origin.

“We are very proud of your achievements and the approval given for the payment of fees by the state government. This is an investment in human capital development because paying school fees is a legacy and is highly commendable”, Prof. Akanji stated

He also called on Local Government Chairmen in the state to emulate the state government gesture towards making Niger state better.

Prof. Akanji assured the state government that the existing MoU between Federal University of Technology, Minna and Federal Medical Centre, Bida on Paramedical courses would be revisited towards ensuring the commencement of such programmes in the University.

The VC also informed the Governor about the frequent encroachment of the University land by the host community.

SEARCH FM GUTS BY FIRE

...Equipment Worth N50m Razed

...VC Commiserates With Search FM Crew

The University Community Campus radio station popularly referred to as **Search FM 92.3** was gutted by a midnight inferno on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 destroying equipment and properties worth fifty million naira.

The fire outbreak which occurred around 12:00 am as a result of electric spark gutted the whole studio and other offices of the station.



VC, Prof. Akanji (middle) and other Management staff inspecting the extent of damage @ Search FM after the inferno.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor, Musbau Adewumi Akanji, **FNSBMB**, visited the studio premises with other Management team for on the spot assessment of the incident.

Prof. Akanji said thorough investigation would be carried out in order to unravel the cause of the fire outbreak and to forestall future occurrence of such incident within the University environment.

The Vice-Chancellor also debunked insinuations from several quarters that the fire outbreak maybe connected to sabotage.

In a related development, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji met with the **Search FM** crew at the Senate Chambers to

commiserate with them over the fire incident that gutted the station while assuring them of Management's support towards getting the station back on air as soon as possible.

Prof. Akanji informed the station crew that a technical committee has been constituted to ascertain the immediate and remote cause of the inferno.

He also directed the DVC (Academic), Prof. Osunde to assist a staff of the station who lost his mobile phone during the inferno to get a new phone for him.

Search FM crew thanked Management for their swift reaction and support after the fire incident.

Search FM 92.3 started official transmission on August, 2010 and recently emerged as the 2012 best campus radio station in Nigeria.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO WASCAL PROGRAMME- PROF. AKANJI

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, **FNSBMB**, has reiterated Management's commitment towards the success of West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (**WASCAL**) programme in the University.

Prof. Akanji made this known recently when he received the Vice-Chair Board of **WASCAL**, Prof. Adeniyi Osuntogun in his office on Thursday 17, January, 2013.

Prof. Akanji said Management will give the centre all the necessary maximum support for the programme succeeds.

"We have the capacity to continue the programme after expiration of the existing agreement and the issue of continuity of the

WASCAL programme will not be a problem”, Prof. Akanji noted.

He also stated that the University is making plans to include the WASCAL programme into the PG programmes ahead of NUC accreditation exercise next year.



Profs. Akanji, Osuntogun (3rd & 4th from left) with other Management staff.

Earlier in his remark, Prof. Osuntogun said internationally supported programmes are demand-driven and the pace of its development depends on the beneficiary and called on FUT, Minna to make the programme effective towards making the institution a centre of excellence in academics.

He tasked University Management on staff development from different areas beyond parallel staffing for the centre and also to have complex comprising academic/administrative blocks for WASCAL in order to make the programme physical.

The WASCAL programme is in partnership with the German government and students from West African countries are currently undergoing a Master’s programme in FUT, Minna.

CHSUD SECURES TRAINING FOR STAFF

...With Support of Netherlands Govt.

The Centre for Human Settlements and Urban Development (CHSUD) has secured funding from the Netherlands Government to execute a tailor-made training programme- tagged: **“Capacity Development for Planning and Implementation of Low-income (social) Housing Project”**- for its staff.

The training, which comprises of six modules and a week international study tour to Kenya will commence in January 2013. It is proposed that every module will have half a day input by a local expert, particularly for gaining more understanding of the National Housing policy and linking it to the specific components of the training and to contextualize it.

In view of the above, CHSUD is inviting qualified and interested professionals in the following training modules to indicate their interest in writing to the Centre.

Module 1: Housing Rights: The module will focus first on the international human rights legislation and international guidelines developed by the international community (UN) and addressing the right to (adequate) housing. We will also focus on the national legislative framework of Nigeria in the field of housing.

Module 2: Developing Social Housing Projects: The module will focus on the crucial elements that make social housing projects work. Subjects included will be: what is social housing, what makes it specific, who is it intended for and who are the main delivery agents of social housing, client relations, technological aspects,

financial aspects and the management of social housing.

Module 3: Informal Settlement Upgrading, Regularization and Tenure Security: This module will start with the concept of the right to the city and its relation to informal housing processes in the developing world and the participants will acquire a comprehensive understanding of the different meanings and characteristics of informal settlements across the world.

Module 4: Sustainable Resettlement Projects: In this module participants will learn about resettlement, the impact of resettlement, what the impoverishment risks are of resettlement and how to overcome those risks.

Module 5: Urban land development strategies: This module focuses on preventive policies that can make land available for self-produced housing as well as for government entities and private developers.

APPOINTMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Dr. Adegboye Babatunde Araoye, Department of Electrical/Electronic Engineering, as Head of Department for a period of one year with effect from October 4, 2012.

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of appointment of Dr. P. A. Omozokpa, as Visiting Senior Lecturer to the Department of Industrial and Technology Education, School of Natural and Applied Sciences (SNAS) for a period of one year with effect from February 7, 2013.

WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the resignation of appointment of Ahmad Musa Enagi of

University Security Services from the University, with effect from January 7, 2013.

CHANGE OF NAME

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the Vice-Chancellor has approved the change of name of Miss. Ruth Lamai, of Advancement and Development Office to **Mrs. Ruth Dolyamba Lamai – Odepitan**, with effect from January 7, 2013.

DISCIPLINED STUDENTS

Recall From Suspension

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the recall of the following students from suspension. They are to resume normal academic activities from second semester, 2012/2013 academic session with exception of Olusina Temilola and Dare Sunday who are to resume during first semester 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 academic session respectively.

1. Sunday James (2007/1/28028CL), Department of Library Information Technology.
2. Nwizu Emeka (2007/1/26919VL) – 500 L, Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics.
3. Olusina Temilolu (2007/1/25857AE) 500L, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension Technology.
4. Dare Sunday Tobi (2009/1/3453VQ) – 300L, Department of Quantity Surveying.

Warning/ Recall

Meanwhile, Odiokine Edet Essang (2007/1/26131EA), Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering and Abdulmueen Onimisi Adbullahi (2008/1/29838EM), Department of Mechanical Engineering have been warned to desist from any act of examination misconduct henceforth. They are to resume normal academic activities from first semester, 2012/2013 academic session.

Exoneration

Senate at its 368th meeting held on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 considered the report of the Students' Examination Misconduct Committee and approved the exoneration of Mohammed Usman Katcha (2006/24845VQ), Department of Quantity

Surveying from the alleged involvement in the examination misconduct.

Expulsion From University

Management at its 368th meeting held on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 approved the expulsion of Josephine Damisa (2006/23970AS) – 500L, Department of Soil Science from the University with immediate effect due to her involvement in examination misconduct.

Withdrawal From University

Management also, at its 368th meeting held on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 has approved the withdrawal of the following students from the University due to their poor academic performances.

1. Isiaku Moses (2010/1/36840VB), Department of Building
2. Ibrahim Yunusa Chiroma (2010/1/35090VA), Department of Architecture.
3. Saba Hassan Aliyu (2007/1/26947VQ), Department of Quantity Surveying
4. Abdullahi Mohammed Ibinu (2009/1/33711VQ), Department of Quantity Surveying.
5. Mohammed Abdullahi (2008/1/26887VQ), Department of Quantity Surveying.
6. Ibrahim Mohammed Danjuma (2008/1/30348VQ), Department of Quantity Surveying.
7. Idris Muhammed Abubakar (2010/1/36851VB), Department of Building.
8. Saidu Usman Alhaji (2008/1/30411VQ), Department of Quantity Surveying.
9. Suleiman Abba Muhsuna (2008/1/32512VQ), Department of Quantity Surveying.
10. Samuel Sunday (2010/1/36638VQ), Department of Quantity Surveying.
11. Wagga Emmanuel Samuel (2010/1/37185VQ), Department of Quantity Surveying.
12. Kayu Yusuf (2010/1/35902EC), Department of Civil Engineering.

WEDDING INVITATION

Prof. & Mrs. Emmanuel M.A. Olatunji cordially invites the University community to the wedding

ceremony of their son Ifedayo Olatunji with Tope Martins slated as follows:

Engagement:

Date: Friday, February 1, 2013.

Time: 2 pm prompt.

Venue: No 52 Top Medical Hospital Road, Tunga, Minna.

CHURCH WEDDING:

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2013.

Time: 10.00 am.

Venue: Celestial Church of Christ, Tudun Fulani Minna.

It would be recalled that Prof. & Mrs. Emmanuel Olatunji were former staff of the University.

BEREAVEMENT

Mr. Ayo Adeyemi of Information and Publications Unit lost his two-day old baby boy on Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

CONDOLENCE

The registrar, has on behalf of the Management, staff and students of the University, condoled Mr. Oshindare Lekan of Establishment Division over the death of his beloved father which occurred on 13th January, 2013.